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1. Soviet speedboats effectively patrol the coast from Rügen to Swinoujscie and escort all foreign ships through the channel to Szczecin. Photographing is forbidden. Upon the arrival of a foreign ship at Szczecin, a military group consisting of 15 men and 2 officers boards and inspects the vessel after having ordered the crew to the stern. Subsequently three men are posted on the pier to observe the ship until it departs, when a pilot and naval officer accompany it to Swinoujscie.
2. Crew members are free to go ashore but they pass several guardposts before they reach the streets of the city. Since solitary sailors are occasionally picked up by the police for questioning, the crews usually move in groups. They are permitted to shop in the stores but inasmuch as they may not bring anything aboard ship, they seldom make purchases.
3. From their visits ashore crew members have heard reports that the Szczecin area is very closely guarded because it is a practice area for radio-controlled projectiles which are said to be launched near Königsberg and Livau (sic, presumably Libau). Their direction is changed over Swinoujscie-Rügen and they head back toward the launching area.

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